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Staff meeting.

We are getting up some data for Cabot Lodge which ought to be helpful in relation to the duties he will later assume at UN. I had a long talk with him yesterday after lunch at the Alibi Club; he is enthusiastic over his assignment.

At 10:00 o'clock we had a meeting with presidents or other representatives of the Standard Oil Company of California, the Texas Company, Gulf Oil, Socony-Vacuum, and Standard of New Jersey. We spent the morning exploring the possibilities of these companies being useful in connection with various proposals for the settlement of the Iranian problem. The two main issues involved continued to be (1) compensation and (2) sales of crude and products.

General Smith and Bill Foster came to lunch here. Allen Kirk was unable to be present. He is making a speech in New York. We transacted relatively unimportant PSB business.

John Snyder called me this afternoon about Merle Cochran going to the International Monetary Fund. We have agreed, and this will leave a vacancy in the Embassy in Indonesia.

I talked to Eddie Miller about the Brazilian bank loan and also about the Bolivian tin purchases that Tydings had inquired about yesterday. Our policy will be not to ~~enter into any long-term contracts for~~ tin but to make spot purchases. The new Administration will have to consider the question of long-term contracts.

John Hightower came to see me.

I had a talk with Mr. Herrington about the disruption into the

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Great Lakes of sea lampreys who are devouring lake trout in an alarming way. It seems ~~MXXX~~ they affix themselves to soft scale fish and bore into them. There is to be a meeting of representatives of the Governors of American States bordering on the Great Lakes here next week and we are to discuss with them a fisheries treaty which will have a bearing on the control of these lampreys.

Stan Andrews came to see me. He is disturbed about th financial situation in Israel. He says that, of the 75 odd million dollars given them this year for relief and rehabilitation, practically none has been used for either of these purposes, but the mor has been devoted to the purchase of consumer goods. He is in favor of a stricter control of such expenditures. This whole question is apparently greatly involved in American domestic politics.

I talked to Dean tonight about Harold Linder. He is going to ask the President to give him an interim appointment as Assistant Secretary.

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